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SUBJECT: JONAH ON UNIFIL MANDATE.

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1. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO GET BACK TO JONAH AND INFORM HIM THAT WE DO NOT AGREE WITH HIS STATE-MENT (REFTEL) THAT UNIFIL DOES NOT HAVE RIGHT TO STOP AND BODY-SEARCH PEOPLE. IN OUR VIEW PARA 2 (D) OF TERMS OF REFERENCE CALLING ON FORCE TO USE ITS "BEST EFFORTS" TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF FIGHTING AND ENSURE THAT AREA OF OPERATION NOT UTILIZED FOR HOSTILE ACTIVITIES OF ANY KIND SECRET

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PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO UN FORCE COMMANDER TO ENGAGE IN BODY-SEARCH OPERATIONS IF NECESSARY.

2. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, WE AGREE THAT LEBANESE AUTHORITIES OUGHT TO BE CALLED ON TO PERFORM THIS FUNCTION AS PART OF EFFORT TO FACILITATE THEIR EXTENSION OF CONTROL TO SOUTH OF COUNTRY. WE ARE EXERTING OUR BEST EFFORTS TO

PERSUADE GOL TO TAKE UP RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE SOUTH AND HOPE THAT UN IS DOING LIKEWISE. NEVERTHELESS,

WE WOULD NOT WANT IT THOUGHT THAT WE AGREE THAT IF GOL CAN'T OR WON'T PERFORM THESE FUNCTIONS, UNIFIL CAN'T DO SO EITHER BECAUSE OF MANDATE OR PRECEDENT. UNFICYP, WE RECALL, HAS PERFORMED SUCH TASKS IN THE PAST.

3. IF JONAH HAS RETURNED TO NEW YORK, USUN SHOULD RAISE THIS MATTER WITH HIM NOTING THAT WHILE WE WANT TO RESPECT CONFIDENTIALITY OF HIS REMARKS WE DID NOT FEEL WE COULD LET HIS COMMENT PASS. COOPER

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